

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Amendments

The amendments to the claims are supported throughout the specification, and, more particularly, in the claims as previously presented.

Requirement for Election/Restriction

Applicants have elected the invention corresponding to Group I of this second restriction, and have canceled claims to Group II.

New claims are presented that represent the claims of Group II rewritten as claims dependent from claim 1 of Group I. These rewritten claims are Claims 38 to 45, and include only subject matter previously found, respectively, in claims 26 to 33 of Group II.

As all of the remaining claims, and the new claims, fall within the Group I subject matter as being drawn to iceberg lettuce plants comprising a first outer leaf having a length to width ratio between about 1.2 to about 2.7, parts thereof, and methods of making said plants, entry of the above amendments to the claims is appropriate.

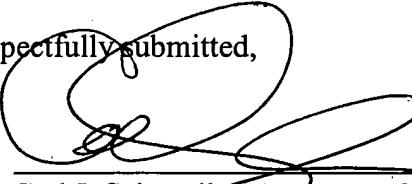
Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Please charge any fees required by this submission to deposit account 50-2767.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this communication or feels that an interview might facilitate prosecution of the application, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (916) 444-3900.

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